

LEARN AND SEE GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Sunday, September 1, 2024 -- ZECHARIAH series -- msg 7 -- Pastor Andrew Coleman

ZECHARIAH 3:1-14

DREAM #5 (The Golden Lampstand)

English Standard Version (ESV)

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BACKGROUND & REVIEW

1) In Zechariah's day, **THE TEMPLE FOUNDATION IS COMPLETE, BUT NO TEMPLE!** God's people are at a place of desolation and hopelessness because they did not trust and obey the Lord.

2) God, in His tremendous grace, sends Zechariah to call them to repentance and to give them a message of His grace and promise towards them.

- If they will return to Him, then He will return to them! (Zech 1:3)
- They were in 'a whole world of hurt' because they had left faith and obedience to God. (Zech 1:4-5)
- **8 Dreams** -- God gives them a second chance through **HIS RULE** over their lives.
- **Dream #1** -- God sees them in their mess and promises comfort. (Zech 1:7-17)
- **Dream #2** -- God will punish their enemies as they return to faithful worship. (Zech 1:18-21)
- **Dream #3** -- God's great and gracious restoration will bring his people home to Him. (Zech 2:1-13)
- **Dream #4** -- (our study today) Dreams 4 & 5 are the climax of the 8 dreams... **MESSIANIC KINGDOM!**

Dream 1

Dream 2

Dream 3

Dream 4

Dream 5

Dream 6

Dream 7

Dream 8



JOSHUA
(Temple High Priest)

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4 JOSHUA, THE HIGH PRIEST

3:1-10

IF YOU ARE FAITHFUL TO GOD, YOU WILL LEAD HIS PEOPLE...AND BECOME A SYMBOL OF THE FUTURE MESSIANIC KING.

(3:7-8)



ISRAEL'S SIN REMOVED



MESSIANIC KINGDOM WILL ONLY COME **IF** THE PEOPLE ARE FAITHFUL



JOSHUA

ZERUBBABEL

SUCCESS WILL COME ONLY **IF** THEY DEPEND ON GOD'S SPIRIT.

5 ZERUBBABEL, ROYAL HEIR OF DAVID

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DREAM #5 -- ZERUBBABEL (Two Olive Trees and the Lampstand)

1) See the SEVEN LAMPS representing the Presence of God. vs 1-2

- the lampstand (menorah in Hebrew) Exodus 25; 1 Kings 7:48
- the bowl with seven lamps (fire = God's presence) Gen. 15:17; Ex. 3:2; 13:21-22; 14:24; 19:18;

2) See the TWO OLIVE TREES representing God's Priest and God's King. vs 3-6

- Joshua -- God's priest bringing cleansing (dream #4 - dirty garments changed)
- Zerubbabel -- God's qualified builder/king making a dwelling place for God (temple)
Ezra 2:2; 3:2,8; Nehemiah 12:1; Haggai 1:1, 14; 2:2, 21, 23 (bloodline of King David)

3) See the TWO PROPHECIES of how God will bring His Kingdom. vs 6-10

- vs 6-7 The temple will be built by God's Spirit, not the power or might of man.
(The temple will be built despite all obstacles.)
- vs 8-10 God will use Zerubbabel to do it.
(The shout of God's blessing (GRACE!) will be the capstone!)

4) Notice all the questions between the angel and Zechariah... IT'S ALL ABOUT LEARNING!

God's people must learn God's ways and plans. Are you a student of God's Word?

5) THE BIG CONNECTION -- God's Kingdom comes through God's PRIEST/KING! vs 14

- Jesus Christ is the ultimate Prophet, Priest and King that will bring God's salvation and His kingdom/presence.
- The Temple of the Old Testament gives way to the Body of Christ in His people.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17

16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.